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Jacobson Returns To Vienna

Vienna, Dec. 28.—Israel Jacobson returned to Vienna from a 12-day stay in a Budapest prison today. He was "fairly well after the first five days." He said he was given very little food and allowed only brief matches of sleep.

The former Director of the American Joint Distribution Committee in Hungary said he was continually questioned about his relations with Robert A. Vogel and the Briton, Edgar Sanders, who have been held by the Hungarians for nearly six weeks on charges of espionage.

He said he told the Hungarians he did not know either man and was told in return that Vogel admitted their friendship.

EXPLANATIONS

Mr. Jacobson was kept at police headquarters in Budapest and not allowed to see anyone from the Legation. He was told nothing about Mr. Vogel and Mr. Sanders except that they were being held.

Mr. Jacobson said he was arrested soon after he had crossed the Hungarian border on December 15. He was taken to the Budapest prison and kept there until, in the late afternoon, he was released.

The questioning centred on the alleged espionage activities of Jacobson himself and the AJDC as an organisation. He was also asked about the alleged activities of the AJDC in help-

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French Assembly Nears Crucial Vote On Budget

Paris, Dec. 28.—The National Assembly wound up its first going-over of the controversial 1950 budget in preparation for a confidence vote showdown with Premier Georges Bidault's coalition government some time on Friday.

The Assembly had gone through 48 of the budget's 50 articles by the time it adjourned at 2140 GMT. M. Bidault demanded confidence votes on the other two, and they probably will be taken early on Friday. A hostile Assembly had slapped the government down with four more defeats today and M. Bidault decided to gamble everything on a showdown confidence vote.

The Government's position grew critical as the fight over the record high budget neared its close. M. Bidault barely escaped with a slim six-vote majority in the preliminary debate on Saturday, and Assembly hostility has been increasing since then.

During the past 24 hours the government has been battered four times with adverse votes on non-crucial but significant budget proposals, but M. Bidault did not make any of them a confidence issue.

The defeats meant not only loss of face but also loss of some 43,000,000,000 francs in revenue on which the Cabinet had counted to help balance the budget of 2,275,000,000,000 francs (US\$8,500,000,000). — United Press.

CABINET MEETS

Paris, Dec. 28.—France's Coalition Cabinet met hurriedly at lunch time today to discuss progress in the National Assembly's critical debate on its 1950 budget.

They met under the chairmanship of the Popular Republican Prime Minister, M. Georges Bidault, who had this morning put the fate of his two-month-old Cabinet in the Assembly's hands.

The debate had gone on all through the night and was expected, after the luncheon adjournment, to reach more important budgetary decisions with more Government requests for votes of confidence. These votes on individual clauses—two so far—will be taken in succession 24 hours after the end of the debate, probably tomorrow night.

If the Government secures them all a general vote for the whole budget will follow.

France's "battle of taxes" is now 38 days old and observers believe that the fate of the Government depends on the stand taken by the Radicals.

The Radicals are opposed to new taxation, but they may be

prepared to accept concessions rather than bring about the fall of the Government.

The Government is trying to persuade the Assembly to ratify specific measures of taxation and expenditure on public works.—Reuter.

Arms Aid Talks To Open Soon

London, Dec. 28.—Anglo-American negotiations are expected to open soon in Washington to fix Britain's share of the \$1,000,000,000 "Arms for Allies" programme as a result of the instructions now on their way to the British Ambassador, Sir Oliver Franks, an authoritative source said here today.

Before the instructions were sent, members of the Cabinet, including the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, approved the terms of the latest American proposals as a basis of negotiation, the source said.

These proposals went a long way to meet the British objections to the original United States draft for a bilateral agreement under the mutual defence assistance programme.

The source said that most but not all points of difference between the two countries had been ironed out. It had not yet been finally settled under what conditions Britain might send arms and military equipment outside the North Atlantic area to territories such as Malaya and Arab States bound by treaty with the United Kingdom.—Reuter.

Angus Ward Homeward Bound



Mr. Angus Ward, former U.S. Consul-General at Mukden, with Mrs Ward just after boarding the ship Lakeland Victory at Taku Bar, China. Ward had been held in gaol for 28 days by Chinese Communist officials who claimed he had beaten a Chinese employee. He is now on his way to the United States. — (AP Picture).

Acheson Urged To Review American Near East Policy

Washington, Dec. 28.—Republican Congressman Jacob Javits today urged a review of United States policy in the Near East where he said a "second round" in the Arab-Israeli war may be imminent. Javits visited the Near East this year as a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

He wrote to the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, tonight that British military shipments to the Arabs are forcing an arms race between the Jews and Arabs. He said that shipments were being made to Iraq, Hashemite Jordan, Egypt and perhaps Syria.

"Reports of shipments of naval frigates and jet fighter planes to Egypt are quite openly made. There are also reports of shipments of armoured cars, German tanks and rifles. Reports of the British insistence on the freedom to ship arms overseas outside of these obtained from us under the mutual defence assistance programme would seem to bear out these reports too," said Representative Javits.

He added: "The quantity and character of arms sold may be open to some difference of fact, but I am satisfied there is little question that important shipments are taking place. Arguments made to support arms shipments to Arab states aside from treaty arrangements are, of course, that they are necessary to establish the morale of

Arab states as a buffer against further Communist expansion. "It is my considered view, however, that the danger of an arms race for an assault against Israel may well prove to be imminent with all immediate grievous consequences that would imply, while the effectiveness of their use against Communist expansion, considering the record of Arab states in World War II, is problematical and certainly not imminent."

"Communist danger to the Near East would certainly increase most in the confusion incident to the renewal of armed Arab action against Israel." — United Press.

VISIT TO ISRAEL

London, Dec. 28.—Six British Labour Party delegates, including two Members of Parliament, left London for Israel on air today for a visit at the invitation of the General Federation of Jewish Labour.

The delegation comprises Miss Alice Bacon, Member of Parliament, and Mr. Sam Watson, representing the Labour Party; Mr. J. G. Buty and Mr. D. B. Thornycroft, representing the Labour Union Congress; Mr. William Coldrick, Member of Parliament, and Mr. J. H. Todd, representing the Co-operative Movement.—Reuter.

SEARCH FOR PILOT

A bush fire, sighted early this morning in the area around Shelter Bay, is believed to have been started by the pilot who bailed out from a Spitfire over Mrs. Bay yesterday morning.

Spitfires, Sunderlands and Harvards planes with police and naval launches were out until dark last night searching the area where the Spitfire was thought to have crashed due to engine trouble.

They were out again at first light this morning, and with them were two destroyers.

Princess Back In London

London, Dec. 28.—Princess Elizabeth landed at London Airport this afternoon on her return from Malta.

Looking very well and sunburnt from her stay in Malta, the Princess told Airport officials who greeted her that she had enjoyed her stay and had a very pleasant flight back.

She is expected to stay at Clarence House, her London home, for a few days before going to Sandringham to join her son, Prince Charles, the King and Queen and Princess Margaret.—Reuter.

Colombo Conference Problems

LONDON, DEC. 28.—THE EIGHT-NATION COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE AT COLOMBO WILL DEVOTE ITSELF LARGELY TO A CRUCIAL PROPOSITION: HOW THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH OF NATIONS CAN PROMOTE STABILITY AND ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT IN ASIA, ACCORDING TO A POLITICAL SOURCE.

This means that Mr Ernest Bevin and his fellow Foreign Ministers will concern themselves generally with four chief menaces, present or possible, to Asiatic peace and stability:

Quirino Summons Congress

Manila, Dec. 29.—President Elpidio Quirino tossed the controversial import control law into the laps of the special session of Congress summoned to start work at the unprecedented hour of 7.50 a.m. tomorrow, December 30.

The emergency authority of the President to issue rules and regulations to control imports of luxury and non-essential goods expires on December 31. Since Congress can hardly debate details of a permanent law governing imports, some circles expect the emergency authority will be extended.

There has been sharp criticism of the import curbs by business circles which would rather see high tariffs placed on so-called luxury items than the drastic ban instituted a month ago which cuts entry of some items as much as 90 percent. The situation was further complicated today by an order of the Import Control Board which ruled that unfulfilled import quotas held by many firms will be allowed to lapse.

President Quirino will be inaugurated four hours after the session starts.—Associated Press.

Bevin In Rome

Rome, Dec. 28.—The British Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, pale and smiling, arrived here by train tonight on his way to the Commonwealth Foreign Ministers' conference in Ceylon. After spending the night at the British Embassy he will fly to Port Said tomorrow to join a British warship which will take him to Colombo.—Reuter.

1. A Communist victory in China, with the prospect of Communist infiltration southward into India, Pakistan, Malaya, Siam, Burma, and Indo-China. The conference will discuss future post-recognition—Commonwealth policy towards Communist China.

2. The problem of a resurgent Japan. The conference will re-examine Commonwealth terms for a peace treaty with Japan. It will most certainly insist that a treaty be drafted by the 11 members of the Far Eastern Commission, and not, as the Soviet Union has so far insisted, by the Foreign Ministers' conference, which includes Britain, some of the Commonwealth nations is a member.

3. The Commonwealth's own internal stresses—such as the almost full-scale economic war between India and Pakistan, now revealed by India's decision to suspend coal supplies to Pakistan—in retaliation for Pakistan's failure to deliver raw jute to India.

4. The menace of ineffectual poverty—or how to continue and expand economic assistance to Southern and Southeast Asia. So far, Western aid has largely assumed the form of British Sterling balances released to India and Pakistan. Can some kind of private-investment "Marshall Aid" now be developed? This seems needful, particularly if Britain is to succeed in scaling down its three billion pounds worth of Sterling balance liabilities.

Beyond these topics Mr Bevin, for Britain, will be seeking to defuse any Commonwealth suspicion that as Britain moves closer to collaboration with Western Europe via OEEC and the Council of Europe it will perforce move away from the Commonwealth.

What Mr Bevin is likely to say on this score is that Commonwealth interests will in no way be allowed to become secondary to those of Western Union. But he will also have to illustrate how closely interlinked are the interests of the Commonwealth and Western Europe—how their trade is complementary for instance, and can expand to everyone's benefit.

COMMON VIEWPOINT
The conference, which is expected to last about 10 days, will make no final decisions. The aim is to assure that all eight Commonwealth nations—Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, India, Pakistan, Ceylon and South Africa—have the opportunity to discuss crucial problems and arrive at a common point of view. Once a common viewpoint is attained, each country can then work out its own policies in the light of its own circumstances.

This non-rigid approach, which characterises virtually all Commonwealth discussions, does not mean that the conference is not exceptionally important. The whole Western world is coming to realise the necessity of raising the standard of life in Southeast Asia. The United States President Truman has discussed the possibilities of American investment in "backward areas." The Commonwealth Foreign Ministers may indeed discuss what further forms of economic assistance can be provided in conjunction with the United States to fend off Communism which thrives on hunger and poverty.

Obviously if Britain is at any time to scale down its Sterling balances—war-time debts owed, (Continued on Page 5)

EDITORIAL

Mountain-razing Excitement

THE excitement created by Andrei Y. Vyshinsky's announcement that the Soviet Union was using atomic energy to raze mountains, irrigate deserts and make people happy has not yet subsided. Much ink has been spilled on the mountain part of the announcement. According to some translators, Vyshinsky said that mountains had been moved, according to others that mountains had been razed. At best, "moving mountains" is mere rhetoric. Razing mountains by blowing them up piecemeal undoubtedly was meant. Giving Vyshinsky the benefit of this slight doubt, the question still remains: Why should Russia waste atomic bombs, of which she cannot have many, on blasting mountains when high explosives would be cheaper and in the end more effective? There would be no radioactive rock and earth to endanger lives. An atomic bomb is the equivalent in explosive power of 20,000 tons of TNT, we were told when the historic experiment of Alamogordo was made in 1945. But this is a theoretical value. In his recently published book, "Fear, War and the Bomb," Nobel Prize-winner Prof. P. S. Blackett cuts this theoretical value down to 2,000 tons on the strength of what high explosives accomplished in Germany. The reduction seems reasonable to observers. It is far easier to make 2,000 tons of TNT or any other high explosive than to convert enough uranium 238 into plutonium.

If the Russians are doing any mountain-razing—and we have no doubt that they are doing some—it is more likely that they are making dirt and rock fly with high explosive than with atomic energy suddenly released. The problem presented by radioactive earth and rock is not easily solved. The ground over which the test bomb exploded in 1945 at Alamogordo remained radioactive for months. The ships at Bikini over which radioactive water splashed were so "hot" that sailors who had to go on board remained there for only limited periods. At least one ship had to be sunk long after the explosion. So would it be with the material blasted out of a mountain by atomic energy. Even though the Russians would not hesitate to use prisoners in concentration camps to remove dangerous radioactive earth and rock, there comes a point where even workers who have not incurred official displeasure must handle the material that is hauled away. It is worth noting that no official statement on this subject has come from Moscow. Vyshinsky relies on a dispatch from Tass, the Soviet news agency, which, though controlled by the Government, is given to exaggeration. The Tass dispatch seems to have been embroidered by a Berlin paper, Nacht Express, with the result that has called forth so much comment.

Tram Dispute Unchanged; Buses Running As Usual

There are no new developments in the dispute between the Hongkong Tramways Ltd. and their workers, and for the second day no trams will run in Hongkong streets today.

The threatened go-slow by employees of the China Bus Company, however, is still only hypothetical. An official of the Company said this morning that buses were running as usual.

Tram workers are still recovering from the shock they received yesterday when the management dismissed summarily all conductors for failing to collect fares.

After seeing the notice of dismissal posted outside the Russell Street depot yesterday morning, the workers held two meetings and decided to hand by their claim for an extra \$30 a month special allowance and increased wages for drivers to bring them into the skilled class.

At the meetings, however, the workers stated their willingness to reopen negotiations with the Company provided the dismissal notices were cancelled.

This morning an official of the Company told a Telegraph reporter that the management had not been approached by the workers following yesterday's drastic action. The management was not approaching the workers, he said, although it was anxious to resume services as soon as possible.

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This action was taken because workers have had no reply to their demands for a \$3 a day special allowance. When they met representatives of the Company yesterday morning, it was explained to them that the letter demanding the increase had been received on December 23. Owing to the Christmas holidays there had been no time to consider it.

Today an ultimatum is to be issued to the Company demanding a satisfactory reply by Saturday. If one is not received by then, the workers threaten to take "further measures." What these measures will be it is not stated.

An official of the Bus Company told the Telegraph this morning that they had had no chance to consider the workers' demands. He hoped to arrange a board meeting before Saturday, but he could not promise that one would take place this week.

Bus workers are holding another meeting today, after which the ultimatum is to be handed to the management.

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WOMANSENSE

Ambitious Sweater



By PRUNELLA WOOD

THE bodice of this picture book dinner ensemble is a pale mauve cashmere sweater, rather close fitting, and with a fabric effect definitely not casual, for the costume. The sleeves are deep set, slim to fit just below the elbow, and they and the slit neckline are piped and tied with taupe tie silk matching the skirt.

The skirt is a neat sweep of the glistening silk, falling into broad unpressed pleats, and the belt and buckle are of the same fabric. The model is one for resorts, for the city or the home... and but a single version created by Jane Derby in a variety of charming colours.

Fancy Touches To Baby-Age Designs

BY ELIZABETH TOOMEY

LORRAINE Miller thinks of elegant foxes in dancing school finery doing a fox-trot. On one bath towel, a dainty herring is bathing in a tiny Victorian tub.

Some of the designs are so complicated and fanciful, that to a grown-up who has forgotten the wonders of childish imagination, the results seem a little like surrealism.

She uses sophisticated colours, such as chartreuse and violet. When she does resort to pink and blue, it often is a deep pink and a greenish blue.

Lorraine herself is a brown-eyed, chubby girl who looks like a teenager, but who has been confounding veteran designers with her originality for the past four years. For several years the New York theatrical producer Brock Pemberton has had her design Christmas cards with his famous play, "Harvey," as their theme.

Dorothy Wright Liebes, the textile designer who first discovered Lorraine when she was an art student in San Francisco, says she's constantly amazed as fresh ideas pour from Lorraine's drawing board in an apparently never-ending stream.

"Accessory designing for little girls, especially from about seven to 14, has been a neglected field," Miss Liebes said. "Lorraine is bringing them designs that appeal to young imaginations."

One of her tiny aprons has red polka dots on a white background, and the skirts flounce, and two fanciful birds on the tiny bib, with the inscription: "I can bake a cherry pie." The aprons are done on plastic material.

Little girls' necessities have been small-scale copies of big sister's for too long, according to Lorraine. She wants to give them something strictly their own, and clever enough so that big sister will do the copying.

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IT'S WHALE OIL FOR MILADY'S LIPS

"WHALE oil for the lips of milady" could be the slogan of the 1949 whaling fleet now sailing to the Antarctic.

Modern technology has found new uses for whale oil which lighted the lamps of the world a century or more ago.

Today the well-bolled extract of whale blubber may wind up in a tube of lipstick or a bottle of vitamin pills. It may be used in the manufacture of a host of other products, such as margarine, soap, or machine oil.

The new by-product of whale oil point up the streamlining and deglamorising that has taken place in the old whaling enterprise. In early days an immense flotilla of high-masted whales used to be used, and 'thar she blows' was the cry of the chase.

MECHANISED NOW

In the last half century the industry has become mechanized to the point where the whale just doesn't have a chance. Back in the days when men took to the longboats and rowed off in pursuit of the big mammal, it was not unusual for a whaler to be on the hunt for three years before it had filled the holds with barrels of whale oil. Nowadays, an expedition is only a few months' duration, with a final catch

per ship far surpassing that of sailing days. Flagship of the modern fleet is the large floating factory vessel, where the valuable whale oil is extracted, the meat cut up, and important by-products prepared.

First introduced in the 1920s, these ships carry tons of machinery and usually have such up-to-date equipment as radar and deep-sea sounding devices.

For whale-catchers, the expedition has smaller craft, about the size of trawlers. Manned by crews of 15 to 25 men, these "killer boats" fire the harpoons and tow the captured whales back to the factory ship, to be hauled aboard and processed.

With Foy's invention, it was possible to hunt speedy and larger species, particularly the big fin whales, now found only in Antarctic waters.

The pursuit of the fin whale in the south polar regions, however, is a recent development. Not until 1904 was the first land station opened there on South Georgia Island, some 800 miles southeast of the Falkland group.

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CATCHES BIGGER

The modern age of whaling began about 1880, when Svend Foyn, a Norwegian, devised the harpoon firing cannon.

As long as the weapon was thrown by a harpooner poised in the bow of the whaleboat, the catch was confined to the smaller, slow-moving species of whales, known as sperm whales and right whales.

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Pretty Teeth; Lovely Smile



Teeth need thorough brushing at least twice a day if they are to stay white and sparkling. For good results, use a double-row, six-tufted brush.

By HELEN FOLLETT

NEXT to the eyes, the mouth is regarded as the most beautiful and expressive feature we possess. Essential to loveliness are healthy gums, sparkling white teeth, exquisitely curved lips.

Physical well-being is dependent upon sound teeth, and all realists, what beautiful teeth mean aesthetically. Everything possible should be done to preserve them. No money should be spared when professional treatment is necessary, and the very best service should be sought.

Our teeth were given us to use; they are not just ornamental. Exercise them and keep your gums toned by eating hard foods, bread crusts, raw vegetables like turnips, cabbage hearts, carrots. Don't chew just on one side; if you do you may find that one side of your face is more developed than the other. While this is often just a habit, it is due quite as often to sensitive teeth that should have attention.

Use a small-sized or medium-sized brush with bristles set in groups. Sweep away from the gums, never toward them as it is possible to cause an abrasion that may invite decay. As you brush towards the biting ends of the teeth, use a rolling and shimmeying movement.

As decay occurs more frequently in the double teeth, be sure to include the biting surfaces when using the brush. In the tiny fissures food will collect. If it remains there for even a few hours it may change in character, form chemicals that will have a damaging effect. Of course, it is not the food, but the putrefactive changes wrought in the food by the presence of countless bacteria in the mouth, that do the damage.

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PICTORIAL NEWSFRONT



HELP YOURSELF—Smokey, the deer mascot of the Lackland Air Force Base, near San Antonio, Texas, knows how to get its own drinking water. It tucks its mouth into the fountain and sips as daintily as anyone else.



ANNUAL REPAIR JOB—These boys are some members of the Madison Square Boys' Club in New York who have been working at their annual task for six weeks. They repair toys which are used by children at one of the city's hospitals, and their efforts combine fun and ability with goodwill.



GREYHOUND RACING—This unusual photo shows a greyhound catching a live jackrabbit during a race at the National Coursing meet at Abilene, Kansas. Greyhounds from all over the world participated in the event, the origin of which dates back to the ancient Egyptians. Two dogs are released at the same time to chase a rabbit, which they hunt by sight.



ORANGE BOWL SWEETHEART—Pretty starlet Coleen Townsend, shown in Santa Barbara, California, will be the Sweetheart of the Orange Bowl in Miami, Florida. She'll reign at the annual football classic on New Year's Day, which will coincide with the premiere of her latest picture.



NEWEST ASSAULT TRANSPORT—A large-sized ramp door built into the U. S. Air Force's newest assault transport, the Northrop Walder C-125, allows this six-by-six weapons carrier to be backed aboard during a demonstration. The Walder can accommodate vehicles up to 24 feet long, and will be used in place of gliders for airborne assault and for Arctic rescue.



HELPING OUT—Helping the Salvation Army in New York to pack 25,000 Christmas boxes are some girls from a Broadway show. They are, left to right: Allyn McLerie, star of the production; Mrs. Brig. William Slater of the Salvation Army; Janice Rule; Mrs. Col. Holland French, and Norma Kaiser. They are dressed in costumes of the Salvation Army's early days.



THEY'RE THE BIGGEST—Workmen in New York raise a 1,000-pound Christmas wreath, said to be the largest in the world, to its place on the Empire State Building, the world's tallest structure, for the duration of the Yule season.



FOR NEEDY CHILDREN—These dolls, except the four live ones, were sent to needy children by American charitable agencies. Seated among them, in New York, are, left to right: Adele Smith, Rita Roberts, Judy Casaline and Patricia Kelly, all members of the committee which collected the toys.



SHIRRED—Actress Ann Miller wears a shimmering evening gown of emerald green chiffon, topped by a flowing 'spart' which can be draped to create innumerable effects.



FROM THE PAST—Pupils of a fashion school in Berlin exhibit the bench styles of grandma's youth for a modern news photographer. But that dissatisfied gentleman tries to show his old-time colleague the proper manner for those 19th Century belles to pose. Perhaps these old styles will return.

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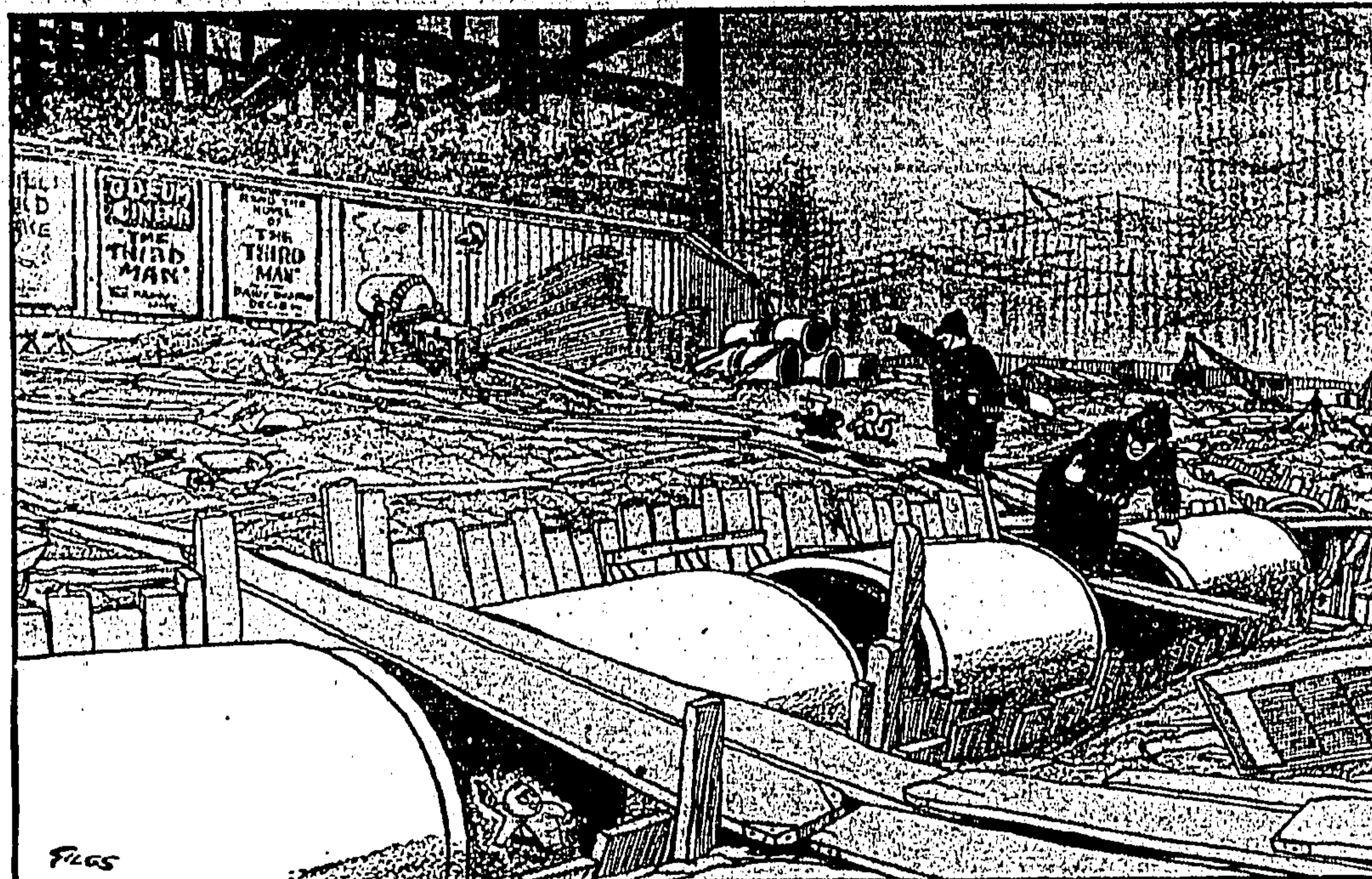
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CHAPTER TEN OF FULTON OURSLER'S STORY
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It was now the time of the Passover, the greatest of all celebrations in Israel. From the sea and from over the caravan routes of mountains and deserts, thousands and scores of thousands turned weary and sweaty faces toward Jerusalem.

No matter how tiring, they must make the journey, for the Passover was coming. All devout souls who could possibly do so wanted to make their way to the Temple at Jerusalem. For seven days they would join in the prayers, offering up the paschal lamb in the traditional sacrifice and eating the unleavened bread.

Jesus and the Twelve were also going up for Passover in Jerusalem. The Apostles were boyishly excited by the great crowds; somehow the explicit prophecies made by the Master of blood and death soon to come had failed to weigh upon them. They were humanly giddy in the midst of great events. Actually when the Master had foretold His death, they could not bring themselves to believe it. Was He not the Christ? How, then, could He be harmed? They simply couldn't accept it.

So it was without any feeling of deep melancholy that they started out making a long loop down the mountain paths, in a detour to the southern road.

And what began as a pilgrimage—for Jesus and His friends going into the city to join in celebrating the Passover—ended in what can be called nothing less than the most remarkable triumphal march of all time.

It Started Simply

THE legions of the Caesars, tramping under arches of victory, were meaningless beside this sudden and miraculous triumph. One instant Jesus was one among a hundred thousand pilgrims; then, before any of His disciples could realize what was happening, the same Jesus was isolated, singled out, for the adoration of the people, the target of dejected amens and shrill hallelujahs!

Yet it all came about so simply. They started early on that Sunday morning, passed through the hamlet of Bethanage, and paused at the foot of that green Mount of Olives.

Now at the base of the Mount, Jesus paused; called two of His disciples and gave them curious orders. They were to press on to the next little town, and in the village they would find, tied to a hitching post, the colt of an unbacked ass. The two disciples were to loose the ass and bring him back to Jesus; if anyone tried to stop them, they were merely to say the Lord had need of the animal's service.

And so it all turned out! The two disciples, not a little upset by their errand, did not realize the significance of the unbacked ass, fulfillment of old prediction. They watched with narrowed eyes what followed—the general, spontaneous adulation of the multitude.

When had such extravagant devotion been seen before in all Judea? The mob gone wild over this one man; the garments of the disciples laid over the ass's back for Him to ride upon, and the people, catching the contagion, throwing down their

THE SCOURGING OF THE CHANGERS

beast and gave their ready-made explanation to the startled owners. No objections! The words of Jesus, repeated to the farmers, was somehow all that was necessary; the disciples came back leading the beast.

Shouts And Cheers

JESUS and the other disciples were surrounded as usual by a multitude, but at sight of the donkey some curious sudden resolution seemed to seize the crowd. The two disciples were greeted with shouts and cheers as if, without being told, the crowd not only knew the unbacked colt was for Jesus, but also remembered that an ass's colt was the royal equiptage, full of symbolism for the kings of Israel.

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Thousands Of Voices

THE Pharisees not only saw all this but they had to listen to the thousands of men and women shouting with joy, joining the voices of the Apostles, and crying:

"Hosannah to the Son of David!"
"Blessed be the King that comes in the name of the Lord!"
"Peace in heaven and glory on high!"
"Hosannah in the highest!"

Those words were enough to strike terror to the heart of any privileged caste. Why, they were saluting and adoring and praising hosannas to this man; they were calling Him king. He had the mob under a spell. They thought of Him not only as a real king but as one

When Did The Navy Go Off The Beer?

When and on what ship was the first issue of rum made in the Royal Navy? Was rum instead of brandy issued to promote Jamaica's development?

THESE were questions a naval petty officer abroad had been asking for a long time. Replies he had evoked were inconclusive until he popped the questions to the Colonial Office, who essayed answers "so far as can be ascertained at present".

From these it would appear that beer was the normal Navy drink issued down to the early 19th century. Where it was not obtainable, whatever beverage was procurable locally was issued.

Rum was issued to HM ships in the West Indies as far back as 1688, and local authorities supplied other victuals to HMS St. David in Barbados in 1673, although generally there appear at this time to have been supplies of brandy additional to beer.

This seemed to be the first time rum was substituted for brandy as an official issue, limited to ships at Jamaica.

In 1688 the ships Assistance and Drake were stationed at the island, and the preserved log of Assistance records the receipt in December, 1688, of the first rum supplied to her.

The change from brandy to rum was through the enterprise of a London merchant. Records do not show official Jamaican support, although the man may well have received it, for the Journal of the Barbados Assembly of 1679 records a resolution to apply to the King "for a moderate on rum, the native product of the island, that they may be enabled to transport it into England, on reasonable terms and, in the room of French brandy, supply it to HM Fleet and other occasions."

Gallon A Day:

IN "The British Fleet", Commander C. N. Robinson states that beer ceased to be issued in the Royal Navy between 1832 and 1835—the issue in Diarist Samuel Pepys' time was one gallon a day per man.

On November 2, 1687, Ranceford (or Ransford) Waterhouse, merchant, of London, petitioned the King to have Jamaican rum issued to HM ships at Jamaica instead of brandy, pointing out that in supplying it from the island he could save so much money that the man's allowance could be doubled and a third part of the charge saved. On March 9, 1688, James II issued a warrant to the Navy Board, countersigned by Samuel Pepys, Secretary of the Admiralty, approving of Waterhouse's offer and terms.

The Royal Warrant directed the Navy Board "to take care that ye good or ill-effects of this proof, as well to ye good husbandry thereof and of the health and satisfaction of Our Seamen, be carefully enquired into by you, and reported to us within a year or two (or sooner, if you find it necessary) for Our further satisfaction of ye same."

"Proofs Rumm"

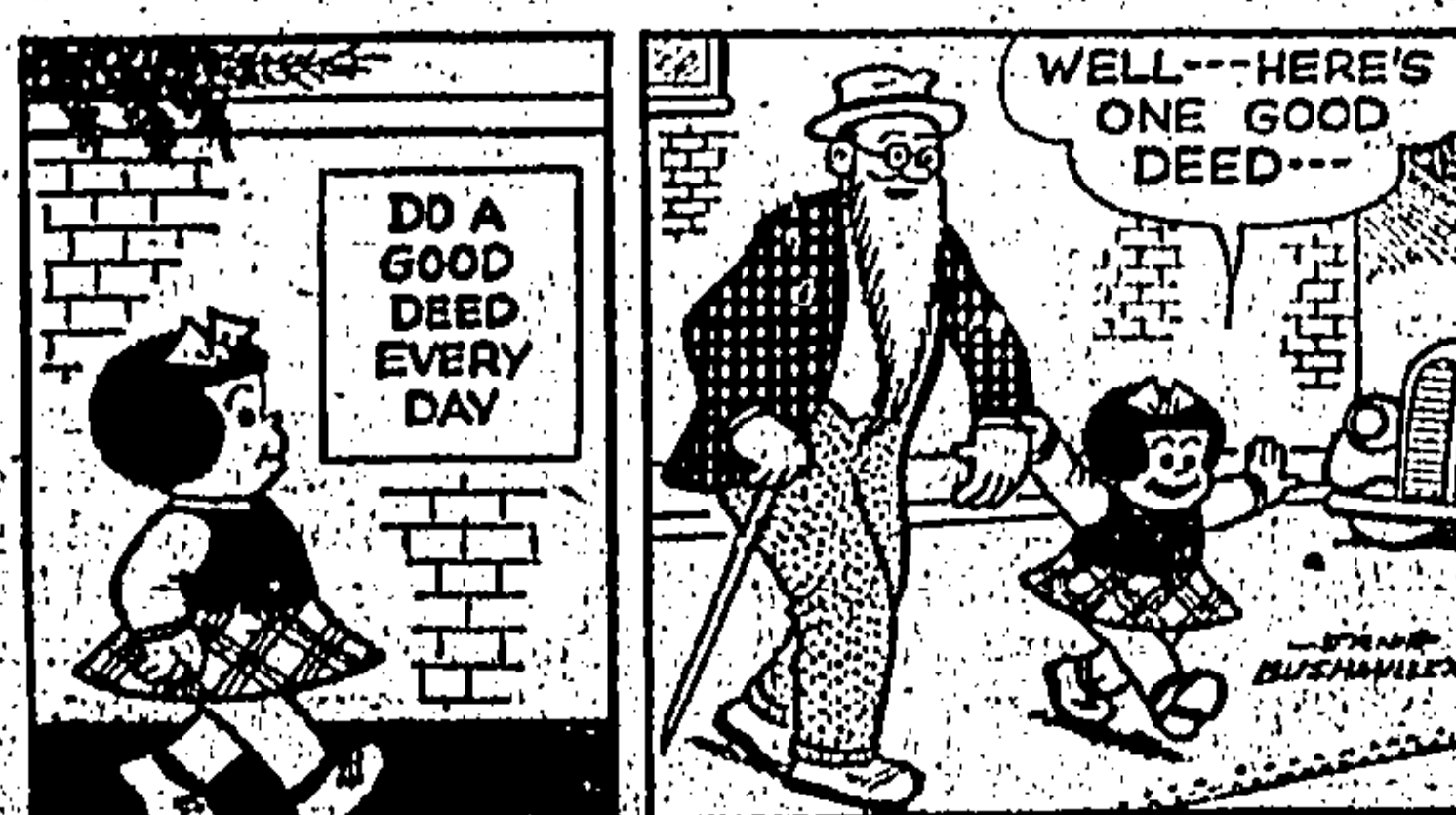
THE Admiralty Navy Board records at HM Victualling Office, Tower Hill, dated May 31, 1688, contain the contract to Waterhouse for victualling HM ships at Jamaica for one or two years or longer "if the Commissioners shall think fit with good and wholesome proofs rumm, fit for His Majesty's Subjects; viz. three quarters of a pint of rumm and a quarter of a pound of Muscovado sugar of 2 pence per pound to each man a day in lieu of half a pint of brandy formerly allowed them". It was contracted that Waterhouse should receive 1s. 6d. for every gallon of rum supplied and 18s. 6d. per hundredweight of sugar.

—J. W. TAYLOR.

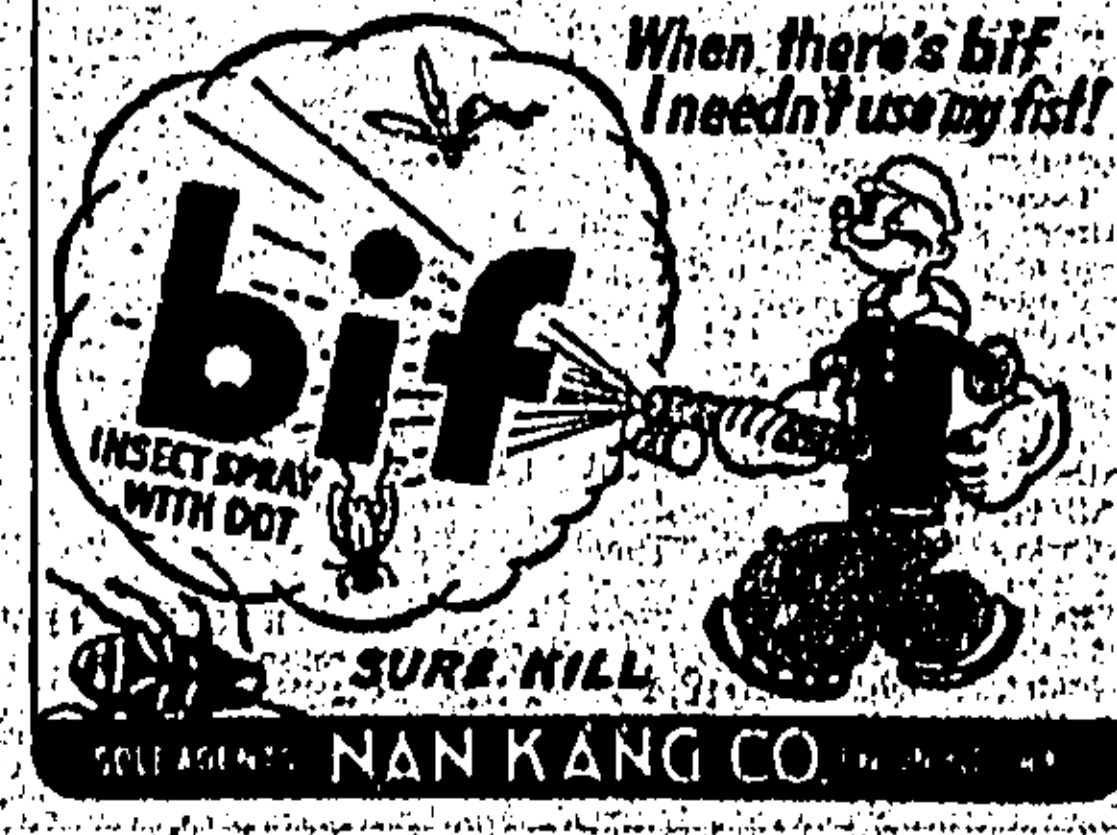


"Of course, this would be quite believable if it hadn't seen a film on sea."

NANCY Dog-gone Good



By Ernie Bushmiller



Grave Famine Reported In Red China

DESCRIBED AS "WORST FOR LAST FEW DECADES"

Communist China is at present in the midst of a very grave famine affecting an estimated 50,000,000 persons; writes Chang Kuo-sing a United Press correspondent who has just arrived in Hongkong after an overland trip from Shanghai.

Heiress To Wed



One of Britain's wealthiest heiresses, Miss Coala, is to marry Lord John Bruce, it was recently announced. Miss Coala, 20, is the only daughter of Lord Glenanar, who inherited £4,000,000 from his father, the first baron, and Mr Bruce is the second son of the Earl of Elgin.

COLOMBO PROBLEMS

(Continued from Page 1) for instance, to India, Pakistan and the Middle East. The British delegation, which is in Colombo, has been gradually releasing and thus providing the wherewithal to pay for imports into those areas—then some other form of economic assistance may become necessary if economic stability is to be assured in these vast and primitive regions.

The importance which Whitehall attaches to the conference is indicated by the calibre of the British delegation. Mr Bevin himself is making the long journey, though he would prefer a rest. Flying direct to Colombo later will be Mr P. J. Noel-Baker, Secretary for Commonwealth Relations, Sir Roger Makins, Foreign Office economic chief, Mr E. M. Denning, head of the Far Eastern Department, and Sir Henry Wilson Smith, now Secretary at the Treasury. Great tasks lie ahead. Not only must recovery and hunger be warded off, India and Pakistan must settle their dangerously persistent quarrels. Burma, not a Dominion, but closely affecting Asia's future, must somehow transform its internal chaos into some semblance of order. Peace needs to come to Indo-China as it has to Indonesia. The Colombo conference is only one of many urgent discussions which will serve to direct attention to the problem of Asia, a continent which is likely to assume particular importance in 1950.—Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 6.00, "Hongkong Calling" — Programme Summary; 6.05, London Promenade Orchestra; 6.10, John Morgan (Guest Artist); 6.20, Organ Recital by Arnold Richardson; 6.30, St. Marks' N. Audley Street; (BBC7S); 6.35, La Domini-Huere; 6.40, (BBC7S); 6.45, World News and News Analysis; (London Relay); 7.10, Sports Review (Studio); 7.20, "Make It Even Here" — With Joy Nichols; (BBC7S); 8.00, From the "Edinburgh" (London Relay); 8.10, "It's Dancing Time" — With the Foundationalists; 8.20, "At the Opera" — The Beggar's Opera; 8.30, "Joy With Special Arrangement by Frederick Austin, by the City of Birmingham Orchestra; 8.40, Radio Newsworld; (London Relay); 10.15, Weather Report; 10.30, "Talk by Allen Dicks" (Studio); 10.35, "Thursday Serenade" — A Programme of Continuous Music; 10.40, "The Beggar's Opera" — With Lights and Sweet Music; 11.10, Weather Report; 11.20, Home News from Britain; (Reverend's Lenten Sunday); 11.30, "God Save the King"; 11.35, Close Down.

The Communist Government officially admitted on December 22 that 9,000,000 Chinese were "starving or half starving." The announcement, which I have found had not been distributed abroad, described the famine as "the worst for the last few decades." It called on all local authorities to give priority to relief work.

One of the most important measures was the organisation of refugees into farming and handicraft units for productive work.

MAO'S CALL

Mao Tse-tung recently called upon Chinese Communist army units similarly to form themselves into co-operative units, which offered handsome incentives for boosting the production of food.

Reliable sources estimated that between 30 and 40 percent of Red China's arable land had been damaged by droughts, floods, and pestilence during the latter half of this year, while undamaged areas yielded only half of the normal crop.

Reports from rural areas north of the Yangtze River said that the most fortunate people there were down to two meals of congee daily.

Many starving villagers are flooding the urban areas for food. Famine in the rural areas has caused the complete nullification of the Red's policy of dispersing "non-productive" residents from overcrowded Shanghai. The Reds have now abandoned this policy because every man sent back to the villages returned to the city with many more.

UNABLE TO LIVE

One of those returns told me that he was unable to remain in his village because he had nothing to eat; he had to bring back his relatives because they were likewise starving.

Quinted sources said that there were about 120,000 foodless and homeless refugees in Shanghai alone, with the authorities unable to help. The number of beggars has risen sharply, and they are found in every street and alley panhandling pedestrians and rickshaw passengers.

The famine has also caused widespread deterioration of public safety, with a sharp rise in the number of hold-ups and robberies. When I stopped over at Canton a few days ago, the train arrived after dusk; the hotel was several miles away at the other side of the Railway. Attendants warned me to remain at the station overnight instead of travelling through the city after dark because of the prevalence of footpads and highwaymen. Police are virtually non-existent.

INFLATION

Communist trade bureaux have up to now succeeded in keeping the cities supplied with food, but the effects of the famine are beginning to creep into the urban areas, causing inflation and other dislocations. The Chinese Communist New China News Agency admitted that famine was the primary cause of the violent price fluctuations in October and November, wherein the Government dumped thousands of tons of rice and other commodities on the market.

medicines on the Shanghai market in an attempt to halt the runaway price spiral. (Recent economic reports from Shanghai indicated that the Communist currency had been inflated between 1,000 and 1,500 percent within the past two months).

Famine is considered one of the most serious problems the Reds have yet encountered in the consolidation of their political rule, and one which—in view of their foreign policy—will have to be solved without outside help.

SOVIET DEMAND

Soviet Russia, to which country the Chinese Communists seem now definitely conjoined, is not only in no position to help, but has aggravated the situation by requiring shipments of Chinese food in exchange for Russian machinery under a one-year barter agreement.

The food situation in Manchuria appears to be slightly better than in China proper. Communist press reports said that Manchurian rice would soon be shipped to North China to help alleviate the famine, although this does not necessarily indicate a Manchurian surplus.—United Press.

Abducted Greek Children

Queen Frederika's Moving Appeal

Athens, Dec. 28.—Queen Frederika made a moving appeal to a gathering of reporters at the Royal Palace tonight on behalf of the 28,000 Greek children who, she said, had been abducted by the Greek guerrillas and were now in countries behind the Iron Curtain.

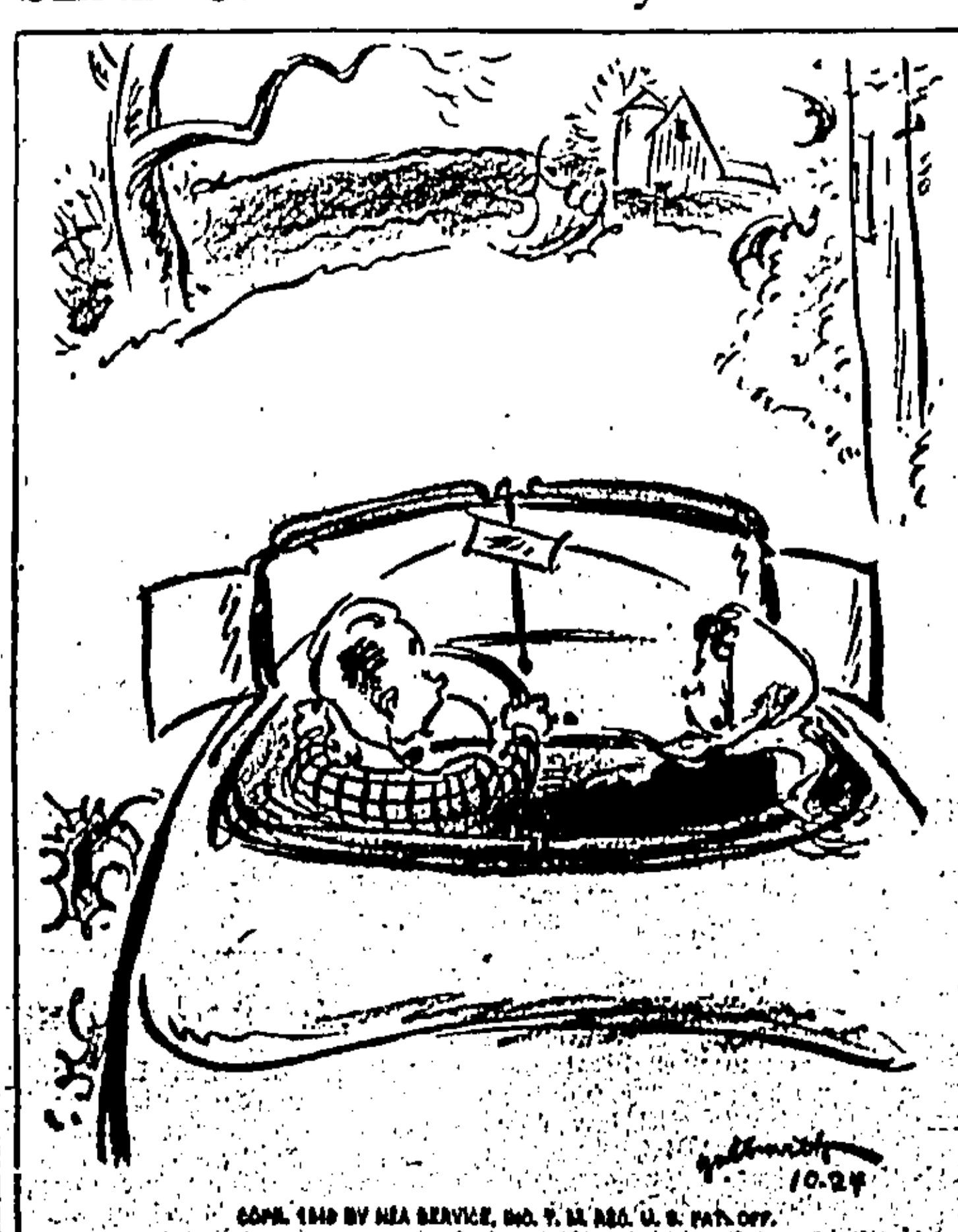
The Queen begged the newspapers to "renew the conscience of the civilised world" and suggested that it efforts to persuade the Soviet bloc countries to return the children to Greece failed, they should be sent to Switzerland, Sweden or even Finland, "which are not Monarchist States."

"We have had great patience and hoped that justice would be done by international conferences," the Queen said.

"Unfortunately, not one single child came back. 'We are fed up,' she said. Queen Frederika said she was disappointed at the lack of interest shown by the civilised world although, she said, "you know how the whole world was shocked when Colonel Lindbergh's baby was kidnapped."

The Queen ended her appeal to the newspapers by saying: "I put the faith of 28,000 children in your hands. I beg you as a mother, not as a Queen—because Queens do not beg—and ask you for the sake of these children."—Associated Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"It's kind of late for us to sleep—we couldn't make it back home for dinner!"

Wants To Be British



On her way to London is Lydia Trachtova (above) Odessa-born soprano who became Czechoslovakia's most famous opera star. She said recently in Paris that she had renounced her Czech citizenship, handed in her passport and "hopes passionately for the honour of becoming a British citizen." In English, one of her seven languages she said: "I have chosen liberty and am going to London. The Czech authorities have done their best to make me change my mind, but I am saying good-bye to the Communists."—London Express Service.

UN Attempt To Control World's Trade In Opium

Geneva, Dec. 28.—The United Nations European headquarters predicted today that the backbone of the world's illicit opium trade would be broken if a plan recently adopted by the four main opium-producing countries goes into effect.

At a meeting earlier this month in Ankara, a UN committee of experts representing these countries—India, Iran, Turkey and Yugoslavia—took "the first and most important step towards achieving international control of the production of raw opium," a UN announcement said.

These four countries are responsible for over 90 percent of the world's legal international trade in opium.

According to the announcement, the illicit trade in this drug is founded on over-production "in excess of medical and scientific purposes."

The average annual production is estimated at being at least five times the amount required for medical, scientific, and other legitimate purposes.

FIRST STEP

The first step of the committee was therefore to get agreement among the opium producers to cut output to the necessary level. This was finally obtained.

The next, and more difficult step, was to persuade the different producers to agree on the respective share of this limited production which each country should be permitted to produce. Governments making concessions feared causing dissatisfaction among peasant-producers or cutting down essential revenues from the sale of opium. After three weeks of discussion, however agreement was finally reached.

The agreement would limit the amount of opium produced in the world to the quantity required for medical and scientific purposes and would allot the percentage share of the total production to which each producing country would be entitled. In addition, the committee recommended that the entire legitimate world trade in opium be brought under the control of an international agency, and that strict sanctions be applied against any country persistently exceeding its production quota without adequate reason.

TALKS NEXT YEAR

UN's Narcotic Drugs Commission will call a conference next year of both producing and manufacturing countries embodying these resolutions. This draft will be submitted to the UN Economic and Social Council for revisions and approval and it is hoped that a final draft will be ready for signature during the 1950 UN General Assembly.

The project proposes that on the national level, opium production be placed in the hands of government opium monopolies.

"On the international level, an international purchasing and selling agency would be created, and the government monopolies would be entitled to sell opium only to this agency. The latter

China's Allegation Against Russia In United Nations

DR TSIANG "PILING UP DETAILED EVIDENCE"

Lake Success, Dec. 28. — Dr T. F. Tsiang, Nationalist China's chief delegate to the United Nations, announced today that he was piling up detailed evidence against the Soviet Union for the United Nations Little Assembly to tackle in January.

Dr Tsiang is working in his office on the documents he will present to the Little Assembly. The UN has announced that the Little Assembly will meet for the first time in 1950 on January 16.

The Chinese question will automatically take top rank as the hottest issue before the delegates.

The Nationalist delegation does not expect anyone to come here from China or Taiwan to add to the present group, informed sources said.

This means that Dr Tsiang, the permanent Nationalist delegate here since August 1947, will remain in full control of the local fight against the Soviet Union. He has charged the Russians with breaking the 1945 friendship pact with the Nationalists, and with helping the Chinese Reds.

The Russian bloc of five nations—the Soviet Union, the Ukraine, White Russia, Poland and Czechoslovakia—has boycotted the Little Assembly since its formation in 1947.

They also boycotted the debate on the Chinese question in the recent General Assembly and their attitude, is that Dr Tsiang does not represent China.

The Chinese issue may burst out in the Security Council at the first meeting in January. Dr Tsiang became President of the Council under the ordinary scheme of rotating the post each month by the English alphabetical order of the members.

He Tricked The Nazis Into Sparing Jews' Lives

Paris, Dec. 28.—An elderly Swiss-Jewish businessman who bluffed the Nazis into releasing or sparing the lives of more than 200,000 Jews retired today as Swiss Director of the American Joint Distribution Committee, it was announced here today at its European headquarters.

Mr Ealy Mayer, of St Gall, 67-year-old head of Jewish relief measures in Switzerland, has retired and will be succeeded by Mr James Rice, of Cleveland, Ohio, at present an AJDC official in Geneva.

In 1944 when Germany's military position was desperate, the Nazis tried to ransom Jews in their concentration camps against money, vehicles and food.

After several ransom offers had been repulsed the Nazis offered to deliver 500 Jewish internees from the Belsen camp to Switzerland and to cease deportations of Jews from Hungary to death camps in Germany, as a guarantee of good faith.

Mr Mayer obtained the American State Department's agreement to his meeting with the Gestapo. He persuaded the Nazis to stop deportations and made the proposal that if they stopped exterminations he would arrange for relief supplies to be sent through the International Red Cross to keep Jews in Germany alive. His bluff went on through 1944 and the Spring of 1945.

On the strength of Mr Mayer's supposed wealth, the Gestapo were persuaded to send 1,073 Hungarian Jews from Belsen to freedom in Switzerland.

U.S. REFUSAL
The American Government refused to consider the ransom moves, but Mr Mayer persuaded the AJDC to lodge \$5,000,000 in his name in a restricted account. With this evidence of huge funds in his possession Mr Mayer met the Gestapo representatives in a sentry box on a bridge between Switzerland and Austria and repeatedly bluffed the Nazis.

He kept on saying that the numbers were not enough to warrant the huge payments he could make and the Gestapo successively freed 3,000 Jewish children in Budapest, allowed food and clothing to be given to 7,000 Jews in slave labour camps near Vienna, and finally cancelled the deportation to the Auschwitz death camp of 200,000 Jews. In the Budapest ghetto, after the war Mr Mayer restored the dollars to the AJDC.—Reuter.



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Peter Ditton Gives His

SHORT LIST ON THE CUP FINALISTS AT WEMBLEY

When the 69th FA Cup Final is played at Wembley on April 29, I shall expect Manchester United, Arsenal or Derby County to be taking part and I shall also expect one of these three to provide the winners.

Every year about this time the game of 'picking the winner' is played by Sports Writers all over the world. Last year I gave a 'short list' of six which included Wolverhampton Wanderers, eventual winners of football's most coveted trophy.

This year I have gone through the list of competing teams with a fine tooth comb, and, taking present form and team strength into account, have cut my list of twelve months ago by half.

For obvious reasons Manchester United must be included in the top three. They have a great post-war record in the FA Cup, having won two years ago when they defeated Blackpool 4-2 in the final.

Although they have lost Johnie Morris, their great international, who has been transferred to Derby County, they still have four of their cup-winning forward line and five members of the defence, including their international full-backs, Carey and Aston.

With that powerful combination and their great fighting spirit, Manchester will not be far away when the honours are handed out.

ARSENAL

Second on my list of possible winners come the Arsenal who last appeared at Wembley in 1933-34 when they defeated Sheffield United 1-0. In those days Arsenal were guided by George Allison, but since then Tom Whittaker has taken over the managerial reins. He has already seen his team win the League Championship, a feat that makes no secret of his desire to bring home the FA Cup. This present Arsenal side has a great chance to gratify Whittaker's wish. They had a very poor start to the season but have recently had a great run with only one defeat in four league games and they are improving.

Arsenal's tactics have not altered since the days of the late Herbert Chapman when their policy was to attack and grab—defend vigorously with the inside-forwards handling well.

Jack Lovelock Killed In Accident

New York, Dec. 28.—Jack Lovelock, 39, famous New Zealand runner, was killed by an underground train in Brooklyn today.

Lovelock, now a Doctor of Medicine, was an Olympic runner who won two world records in the mile and 1,500 metres runs.

He won the 1,500 metres in the 1936 Olympics in Berlin. Police said the former Oxford star apparently suffered an attack of dizziness and fell in front of a train at Church Avenue station.

The Oxford-educated Lovelock ran his world record mile at Princeton, New Jersey, in July 1933, beating Bill Hawthorn in 4 minutes 7.8 seconds.

Lovelock was on the staff of the Manhattan Hospital for Special Surgery.

FELT ILL
His wife, Cynthia, said he was coming home from the hospital because he felt ill.

Three coaches of the train passed over his body before the train could be stopped.

Slightly built with sandy, wavy hair, Lovelock specialised in treating persons crippled by infantile paralysis and other diseases.

He served as a Major with the British Army Medical Corps in the last war and met his American wife while she was working with an entertainment unit overseas. There are two children.

ALL-TIME CLASSIC

Lovelock's Olympic victory is one of the all-time track classics. He won it with ease, covering 1,500 metres in 3:47.8, beating the American champion, Glenn Cunningham, by six yards. Experts called it the finest of all Olympic races.

This race came only three years after Lovelock, who was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford, underwent a serious leg operation which threatened to end his running career. — Associated Press.

back, and then develop lightning attacks along the wings. Players like Roper, McPherson and Cox are carrying on in the traditions of wing-men Hulme and Baslin, while Leslie Compton is holding up an iron curtain to opposing centre-forwards.

Those who have been in the past and I expect them to do so again in the future. For that reason I make Arsenal my best bet for the FA Cup.

DERBY COUNTY

First post-war Cup winners were Derby County, who built their whole team round the brilliance of Doherty and Carter. Their international inside-forwards. Both players have now left the club but in their place Derby have got Billy Sivel (Scottish International) and Johnie Morris (English International).

These players are carrying on the Doherty-Carter traditions and with very good results. Only a month ago they had a big part in Derby's 7-0 victory over Manchester City and they will certainly pave the way for many more goals before the season is over.

But Derby are by no means a two-man team. Centre-half Leon Leuty would have had many England caps but for the brilliant work of Neil Franklin, and Bert Moxley (left-back) has already received international recognition.

'Chick' Musson, left-half, is one of the strongest players in the game and goal-keeper Townsend is rapidly amassing a name for his 'not pass' attitude.

All-round strength then, with emphasis on the brilliance of their inside-forwards, earns my vote for Derby County.

REJECTS

Now the list of rejects. Two priorities go to Liverpool and Tottenham. First and Second Division leaders respectively. They are both great sides and on present form are probably the two strongest in the country.

But I write them both off for the reason that I believe they will each concentrate on holding their present position and to do so they will probably deny themselves the cup.

Wolverhampton Wanderers I have omitted from my list only because they are the cup-holders. No team has won the trophy two years in succession since the last century when Blackburn Rovers beat Sheffield Wednesday in 1899 and Notts County in 1890.

Since then several teams, including Newcastle United (on two occasions), Manchester

Dilip Bose Beats Raymundo Deyro In Four Sets

Calcutta, Dec. 28.—Raymundo Deyro, of the Philippines, was eliminated from the Men's Singles in the Assin Lawn Tennis Championships which were continued here today.

In the quarter-finals Deyro lost to the Indian Davis Cup player, Dilip Bose, by 6-4, 1-6, 4-6 and 3-6.

F. Ampon and C. Carmona, of the Philippines, reached the semi-finals of the Doubles when they defeated R. Abdessalam and P. Remy, of France, by 4-6, 1-6, 6-4, 6-2 and 6-3.

In the quarter-finals of the Mixed Doubles, Ifkhar Ahmed, of Pakistan, and Mrs. Heraldo Weiss, of the Argentine, were beaten by the British pair, G. I. Pals and Mrs. Betty Hilton, by 11-13, 5-7.

In the Men's Doubles, third round, C. L. Pals and C. B. Onley, of Britain, were leading Narendra Nath, of India, and Deyro, of the Philippines, by 6-8, 6-0 and 6-2 when the match had to be stopped because of the falling light. It will be resumed tomorrow.—Reuter.

HASTINGS CONGRESS
Hastings, Dec. 28.—Leading chess players from all over Europe were assembling here tonight in readiness for tomorrow's opening of the Hastings International Christmas Chess Congress. This is the 25th Congress at Hastings.

The 135 competitors include Jacques Mises, the only survivor of the Moscow tournament in the first international tournament here in 1895. He is 85.

Defending his title will be Nicholas Rossolimo, the French Champion. Up in the premier section is the American "vampire boy" 17-year-old Larry Evans.—Reuter.

City, Preston North End and Charlton Athletic, have appeared in successive Finals either to be defeated in one or both. As I do not expect them to beat this 60-year record, Wolverhampton is out.

UPSETS?
Finally I come to the two teams which may provide the biggest upsets, Sunderland and Blackpool. Sunderland have a star-studded forward line which includes International Len Shackleton and former Tottenham amateur Ivor Broadis, who is playing at the top of his form.

Behind them they have two fine wing-halves in Watson and Wright (both of whom may be capped for England in Rio). If these players can get into the attack quickly, few defences in the country will be able to stop them. My one query is whether their own defence is good enough. If it is, then watch out for Sunderland at Wembley.

Last but not least, Blackpool, who must enter into the reckoning. If only because of the brilliance of their right-wing pair, Matthews and Mortenson. On their day these two are good enough to take Blackpool through to the Final and, if they click into action when the cuppies come along, opposing teams will quickly drop out on the road to Wembley.

(London Express Service)

Women's Chess Championship In Moscow

London, Dec. 28.—Olga Rubtsova (USSR) and Gisella Greaser (USA) were leading with three points each out of a possible four, after the fourth round of the Women's World Chess Championships in Moscow, according to a Tass (Soviet news agency) report received in London.

The games between Mrs. Eileen Tranner (Britain) and Ingrid Larsen (Denmark) and Maria Teresa Mora (Cuba) and Lofia Langos (Hungary) were drawn.

A substantial and interesting development towards the end of the game between Langos and May Karfi (USA). The Hungarian player did everything possible to save the situation but was forced to admit defeat.

The American, Gisella Greaser, beat Nina Grushkova-Henski (Czechoslovakia) on the 32nd move. The game between Larsen and Langos ended with the defeat of Larsen on the 75th move in spite of her spirited defence.

The game between Maria Teresa Mora and May Karfi lasted 73 moves and ended with Karfi's surrender after the Cuban had further improved her position by winning two pawns.

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ALTWEGG ON ICE



Jeannette Altwegg, who is aiming at a hat-trick of British ice-skating titles, is "stopped" by the high speed camera, as she competes at the Empress Hall. Experts have voted Jeannette's figure skating as the best exhibition of compulsory figures seen in years. Twice champion at 10, Jeannette comes from Liverpool.

WHY NOT REVIVE THE GRAND OLD ANGLO-SCOTS?

Asks John MacAdam

It is not so long since we recommended to the Football Association that they blood their Rio Possibles with a match against the South Africans currently playing with English League clubs.

That idea was received with acclaim by not only the FA and the South Africans concerned, but also by the Soccer public of the Dominion itself, who are more concerned with appraisal of their overseas ambassadors than with all this nonsense about barring English club scouts from a very fruitful and reciprocally advantageous exchange of athletes.

The thing is very much on the map, although little is likely to be heard of it until the end of the year, when the English selectors have finally made up their minds about the 22 players likely to travel to Rio.

In the meantime, here is another idea for both the FA and the Scottish FA: a revival of the grand old Anglo-Scots teams of 20 years ago. Anglos could play either England or Scotland first or second choices with equal.

The talent is there. There is also prejudice in Scotland if not in England, and there is no doubt about the attractiveness of the fixture nor of the quality of the football it could produce two or four times.

One enthusiast for it would be Chelsea's Billy Birrell who, only enough, was the unwitting cause of the fixture's suspension in his playing days.

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Bad Year For Racial Bias In American Sport

By CORNELIUS RYAN

The year of 1949 was another bad one for those who favour racial discrimination in American sports. Proponents of bias suffered one defeat after another, ranging from the most popular to the most exclusive of sports, and at the end of the year it seems safe to predict that sometime in the future, perhaps within a decade, virtually all race bigotry in sports may disappear.

Basketball, which claims to be the most popular USA sport on the basis of its estimated annual 60 million spectators, and bowling, which claims to be more popular because it has more participants than basketball, although fewer spectators, both moved toward racial equality.

The national small-college basketball tournament, held annually at Kansas City with 32 teams, removed its anti-Negro rules upon objection last Spring by Manhattan College, which had no Negroes on its squad. Other schools backed Manhattan's stand, and the tournament management responded quickly.

FIRM COLOUR LINE
Bowling retained its firm colour line excluding Negroes, Orientals, Filipinos and all other non-Caucasian races, but the American Bowling Congress was under severe fire last year and can be expected to retreat—at least begin its retreat—at next convention.

Latest action against the ABC bias was filing of a suit by Illinois State's Attorney John Boyle, seeking to revoke the ABC charter. The ABC Labor Union suit it would have filed the suit if the state did not.

Fencing, one of the nation's least popular pastimes, was just as vigorous in anti-bias action. Columbia University's fencing team quit the Amateur Fencers' League of America when the league suggested that two Negro fencers on the Columbia team be withdrawn from scheduled bouts at the New York Athletic Club.

PUBLICITY
When the story was given publicity, the League and the Athletic Club both declared strongly they had no discrimination.

WEEK-END SOFTBALL
The Hongkong Softball Association will usher in the new year in traditional fashion with the annual Kowloon Bowl Classic to be staged on New Year's Day. The members of the Committee and the Fourth Estate will oppose a strong selection from the female loops under the management of Frank Chary.

Several Junior Loop games and a twin bill in the Ladies' Division are slated for Monday, January 2. The best games should be that between the Jaguars and the Overseas in the Junior League and the clash between St. Theresa's and the Squaws on the same day.

The full programme, with umpires and scorers, follows:

NEW YEAR'S DAY
Annual Kowloon Bowl Classic
At CBA—2.30 p.m. Committee and Scribes v. Ladies (Umpires—Mike Lee, Elmyr Abiong, Bill Silva. Scorer—Wanda Rodriguez).

MONDAY, JAN. 2
Men's Junior League
At Recoelo.—11 a.m.—Spartans v. Aces (Umpires—Bill Silva, Harold Ong, Hoover Wong. Scorer—Roberto Nunes). 12.30 p.m.—Jaguars v. Overseas (Umpires—Lee Castro, Bob Heather, Reggie Silva. Scorer—Tony Kwok).

2 p.m.—Delawares v. Rexes (Umpires—Lionel Sequiera, Steven Xavier, Gerald Pomeroy. Scorer—Eddie Loureiro). 3.30 p.m.—Gulu Samy, Samet Samy, Rennie Barretto. Scorer—Bernard Silva).

At CBA.—12.30 p.m.—Pandas v. Blackhaws (Umpires—Philio Remedios, Edjo Almeida, Eddie Loureiro. Scorer—Rennie Barretto).

Ladies' Junior League
At CBA—2 p.m.—White Fangs v. McTyrean's (Umpires—Robert Remedios, Freddie Holt, Enrico Rosario. Scorer—Hal Wing Lee).

2.30 p.m.—St. Theresa v. Squaws (Umpires—Mike Lee, Tony Kwok, Josie Ribeiro. Scorer—Hal Wing Lee).

Prior to the New Year's Day game, "Doc" Molten and Mrs. Molten will play hosts to the Committee members at a luncheon party to be held at their residence, 2 Grampan Road, at noon. The Committee and Scribes will entertain the ladies to a tea party to be held at the Filipino Club, after the game.

CHINESE JOCKEY "DOWN UNDER"
E. "Teddy" Doan, the jockey who piloted Snowstorm to victory in the Sydney Summer Cup in Australia is Chinese. He is the only Chinese rider to achieve any prominence in Australian racing. He has had several wins recently—two in one day at Rosehill a few weeks ago, but he is still low in the winning rider's list.

Teddy rode Snowstorm in the Melbourne Cup, but came nowhere. Another East Asia candidate in the Australian races recently was a horse owned by the Shaw brothers, well-known Singapore Chinese.

CHRISTMAS GOLF
Results of the competitions played over the Old Course at the Old Course at the Xmas holidays are as follows:

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Postponed Fixtures
The 1st Division League, Com-mando v Club, match will be played on Saturday, 1 December, 31 at St. George's, 2.30 p.m. instead of Monday, January 2.

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NEW WARNING AGAINST GROWING ANTI-SEMITISM IN POSTWAR GERMANY

Hamburg, Dec. 28.—Representatives of Hamburg's Jewish community, in a circular to newspapers and agencies today, warned against a relaxation of the fight against the growing anti-Semitism in Germany. The Jewish community claimed that it was unjustified to consider that anti-Semitism in Germany had been overcome as many foreign and German politicians assumed.

BACTERIA WARFARE

PEKING RADIO'S CHARGES

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—The Chinese Communist radio today charged Britain and the United States with attempts to menace world peace with bacteriological weapons.

Peking radio carried a Peking People's Daily commentary on the Khabarovsk germ trials, where 12 Japanese ex-officers are being tried by a Soviet military tribunal on charges of having plotted germ warfare against the Soviet Union, the United States, and Great Britain.

These trials, the paper said, "serve as a strong warning to the Anglo-American warmongers who are attempting to employ bacteriological weapons to menace Far Eastern and world peace."

The paper did not say what this allegation was based upon. Describing the Khabarovsk trials as "a great friendly neighbour—the Soviet Union"—and "an expression of profound friendship of the Soviet people towards the Chinese people," the paper goes on to attribute the postwar Manchurian plague epidemics to germinal plague, as bacteriological stations set up by the Japanese in Manchuria near the Soviet border.

The latest outbreak of plague in Manchuria was in November. Soviet scientists were dispatched to help the Chinese Communist fight the disease. "Countless Chinese civilians died when the Japanese scattered germs over south and central China," the paper said.—United Press.

INFECTED FLEAS

London, Dec. 28.—Radio Moscow said today one of the Japanese accused at the Khabarovsk germ trials testified that bacteria-infected fleas were used against three Chinese cities in 1940, 1941 and 1942 with "considerable success."

The prosecutor introduced a document which, he said, was a copy of one placed before the International Military Tribunal in Tokyo by "the United States Assistant Prosecutor." The document listed atrocities allegedly committed by Japanese bacteria units.

The radio said that the fourth defendant, Takara Takabashi, a former general and head of the health department of the Kwantung Army, admitted that one bacteria unit had established posts along the Siberian frontier and planned to infect all cattle in the area and drive the animals into Russia if the war started.

Radio Moscow said also that one of the accused admitted to charges of participation in experiments on humans.—United Press.

Funeral Mass For Emmanuel

Rome, Dec. 28.—About 2,000 monarchists attended a solemn funeral mass today for ex-King Victor Emmanuel III on the second anniversary of his death in exile.

The mass was celebrated in the 2,000-year-old Pantheon, which holds the bodies of Italy's Kings Victor Emmanuel II and Umberto I and the late Queen Margherita di Savoia.

The former King died on December 28, 1947 in Alexandria, 18 months after Italy voted to become a republic.—Associated Press.

Reuter's correspondent in Frankfurt writes:

West Germany's leaders have declared open war on anti-Semitism and intend to make practical amends for some of the grievous wrongs done to the Jews by the Nazis in the name of the German people.

They hope in time to get support from the embittered survivors of Hitler's persecution in the task of rebuilding German democracy.

The President of the West German Federal Republic, Dr. Theodor Heuss, the West German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, and other German leaders as well as some sections of the press, have vigorously condemned anti-Semitism in recent public statements which mark a new phase in postwar German-Jewish relations.

The statements by the President and the Chancellor are virtually the first major German pronouncements on the Jewish question since the end of the war. They are welcomed by Allied officials here who regard them as timely.

VANDALS ON WARPATH

They come at a time when anti-Jewish vandals are once more on the warpath in Germany, where the anti-Semitic seeds sown by the Nazis are still deeply rooted. Their statements have lifted the lid off a subject which the bulk of German politicians have avoided for over four years.

Hardly a week passes without some evidence of vicious anti-Semitism. Most frequent reports are of "unknown persons" desecrating Jewish cemeteries, particularly in Southern Germany.

A few weeks ago a Jewish cattle dealer at Wuerzburg in Bavaria, received two death threats. Previously four people had been arrested for trying to burn up his house.

More recently, three people, including one woman, were sentenced by an American High Commission court to varying terms of imprisonment for desecrating a synagogue at Marktreutwitz, also in Bavaria. They destroyed the altar, tore up prayer books and sullied an American flag in the building.

In Frankfurt, the stone plaque commemorating one of the synagogues burned down by the Nazis in the great pogrom of November 1938, was defaced with paint last month.

DYING HARD

At Offenbach, near Frankfurt, the Deputy Mayor opposed the local council's selection of a Jewish doctor to head the Municipal Hospital for Women. His appointment was only after public protests and an investigation ordered by Dr. James Newman, the American Commissioner for the State of Hesse.

Anti-Semitism is dying hard in Germany, which suffered 12 years of scientific Nazi indoctrination in anti-Jewish hate and racial discrimination. But a recent statement by Dr. Adenauer to the editor of the Allgemeine Zeitung der Juden in Deutschland (General Weekly for Jews in Germany) has given new hope to the almost extinct Jewish community of about 20,000 and another 20,000 Jewish displaced persons living in West Germany.

Dr. Adenauer announced that his Government intends to place at the disposal of Israel reparation material worth 10,000,000 Deutschmarks (over £600,000), as a "concrete symbol of the need to repair the damage done to the Jews all over the world."

EQUAL CO-CITIZENS

He also announced the establishment of a Jewish Affairs Branch of the Ministry of the Interior, to be headed by a German Jew. This, he said, would be an assurance to Jews living in Germany that the Federal Government "is resolved to do everything in its power to safeguard fully their rights as citizens."

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"We must never forget the deportation and murder of Jews, the arson of synagogues and the Nuremberg racial laws."

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PILGRIMS POURING INTO ROME

Vatican City, Dec. 28.—Pilgrims to Rome for the Holy Year, which the Pope inaugurated on Christmas Eve, were tonight still flowing at a rate of seven a minute through the Holy Door of St. Peter's.

It was estimated that nearly half a million have passed through the Holy Door of St. Peter's in four days. From just after dawn until half an hour before sunset each day a group of pilgrims kneels patiently before the Door, waiting to take the place of those praying on the previous steps.

Each pilgrim kisses the doorpost as he passes through on his way to kiss the toe of the Statue of St. Peter, and to pray in the various side chapels of the vast Basilica.

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Rome Transport Disorganised

Rome, Dec. 28.—About 7,000 Rome tram and bus drivers started a two-hour warning strike today in protest against increased working hours.

The strike stranded thousands of foreign pilgrims, as well as workers and shoppers, when trams and buses halted at exactly 10 a.m. local time.

The transport workers made it clear that their strike was only the prelude to a 24-hour stoppage early in the New Year if their demands over working hours are not met.—Reuter.

First Birthday



A Swiss sleigh carrying the cake, led by a 6ft. 2in. Father Christmas, was pulled around London's Dorchester ballroom floor by a "reindeer" at the first birthday party last night of the Anglo-Swiss Society. Father Christmas for the night was West End property agent Jack Richardson. In national costume: Miss Sonia Abersold.

Batavians Give Pres. Soekarno Great Welcome

Batavia, Dec. 28.—A quarter million Indonesians gave President Soekarno, head of their new independent United States of Indonesia, a tumultuous welcome on Wednesday when he arrived for his first full visit to the capital after four troublous years.

Huge crowds were waiting at the airport when Soekarno arrived with his entourage from Jogjakarta. They lined the roads all the way from the airport to the gleaming white Colomada Palace where a throng of 100,000 was on hand to hear the President make his first important speech since full independence was granted to the new state on Tuesday.

President Soekarno said: "Indonesia is now on peaceful terms with the Dutch and other foreigners. They are all guests in our country. Show them hospitality!"

The crowd responded with cries of "Merdeka! Merdeka!", the Republican cry of freedom.

Seventeen persons fainted as the mob surged through the police cordon to get closer to the president.

Soekarno was standing on the steps of the palace when he was accompanied by his wife and two small children when he arrived at the airport in two Indonesian Airline Dakotas, was dressed simply in an immaculate white bush jacket. He wore no medals.

REACTION TO EINSTEIN'S NEW THEORY

New York, Dec. 28.—The man-in-the-street in America has an "uneasy feeling" that Dr. Albert Einstein's new generalised theory of gravitation may do something "spectacular and possibly unpleasant things to him in future," the New York Herald Tribune said today.

"He looks with almost superstitious respect upon odd little squiggles of new equations as they are reproduced in his newspaper."

Einstein's new theory, announced on Sunday at Princeton University, sets out in a series of equations laws governing two fundamental forces of the universe—gravitation and electro-magnetism.

The New York Times said that if Einstein succeeded in proving his new theory, it would have "outdone himself."

"As far back as 1850," the Times said, "Faraday lectured on the possible relation of gravity to electricity, but could not establish the relation experimentally."

"Clark Maxwell unified light and magnetism by showing that both sides are the same."

"Hertz proved Maxwell's case experimentally by discovering radio-waves, which are invisible light waves."

"Einstein pushed unification still further.... Einstein showed that space and matter are not inseparable."

"It was impossible to unify the two by thinking of space in Euclidean terms—that is, in terms of a three-dimensional room infinitely extended to include the whole universe."

"So Einstein welded time and space together into the fourth dimension, and therefore, involved four dimensional geometry to explain what happens in the universe."—Reuter.

Representatives of crack Republican guerrilla troops, who had fought a long and bitter postwar campaign for independence, were drawn up in lines near the palace steps. Large sections of the population of the capital marched, eight abreast, in triumphal procession outside the palace. Inside, the State reception was in full swing.

A SYMBOL

Soekarno said: "This is the first time in four years that I stand face to face with the people of Jakarta (the new Indonesian name for Batavia). We must now start on the reconstruction of our nation. Let our slogan be: 'Work, work, and work! Once free, forever free!'"

Anak Agung, Minister for Home Affairs in the new Government, in a welcome address as Soekarno arrived at the palace, said that the President's arrival "constitutes a symbol of the unity of the Indonesian people, showing that the past is dead and that a new, glorious era has started for our country."

He said: "This historic moment has been achieved thanks to the unrelenting efforts of the fighting people of Indonesia, and also as a result of the Hague round-table conference."

United Press.

The United States Ambassador to Indonesia, Mr. Merle Cochran, paid his respects to President Soekarno, the Defence Minister, the Sultan of Jogjakarta and the Minister of State, Mohammed Rumi, tonight.

OTHER CEREMONIES

Delayed dispatches reported that an estimated crowd of 25,000 persons witnessed the raising of the Republican flag over Medan, big seaport in north Sumatra. The crowd was orderly and no incidents were reported.

At Palembang, Republican Army troops took over the city in a peaceful fashion. Palembang is a major South Sumatran seaport and oil city.

Reports from Macassar, capital of the state of East Indonesia, situated in the Celebes, said that a huge Independence Day reception was held at the State Hotel at which Parliamentary leaders and the East Indonesian President, Sukawati, spoke. Many Dutch civilians attended the reception.—United Press.

U.S. AMBASSADOR

Washington, Dec. 28.—President Truman has formally recognised the United States of Indonesia and named H. Merle Cochran to be the new U.S. Ambassador to the new nation.

The White House said it is understood that Mr. Cochran presented his credentials to Indonesian officials earlier in the day. Since July 1948, Mr. Cochran has been U.S. representative on the United Nations mission for Indonesia.—United Press.

ADVICE TO MENZIES

Melbourne, Dec. 28.—Australia's highest-circulation newspaper, the Melbourne Sun, today urged the Prime Minister, Mr. Robert Menzies, to avoid all racial antagonism in official relations with the new Indonesian Republic.—United Press.

SHAH REFUSED TANKS

New York, Dec. 28.—The magazine Newweek reported today that the Shah of Persia was "returning home bitterly disappointed."

"His request for 64 Sherman tanks, to create a medium tank brigade, was flatly refused by defence officials," said the magazine. "Fentagon leaders decided that the tanks, which are worth \$220,000 each, could not be adequately serviced in Iran and would be of little value in the event of war."

"The Shah displayed his irritation by refusing to appear on the Voice of America programme beamed to his country."

The Shah is leaving by air on Friday. All seats aboard the Constellation making the flight were bought up for his party of 15.

En route to Tehran, where the Shah is scheduled to arrive on January 2, there will be stops at Gander, Newfoundland; Prestwick, Scotland; Amsterdam and Rome.

The Shah is due to arrive in Rome on Saturday and will spend New Year's Day there, leaving on January 2.—United Press.

MOMBASA INQUIRY

Mombasa, Dec. 28.—An official inquiry today found Captain W. Bayley, master of the British India Line tug Thika, responsible for the accident here on December 2 when one of his lighters blew up and caught fire, killing two Indian workmen and injuring one Indian, one Chinese and one African while welding operations were in progress.

Captain Bayley did not take steps to see that the lighter, which had been carrying petrol, was free of vapour, the magistrates said.

"The evidence I have heard leads me to believe that breaches of petroleum regulations are frequent occurrences in Mombasa," he said.—Associated Press.

Weaving Machines Damaged

Two weaving machines in a small factory in Castle Peak Road were slightly damaged by a fire which broke out in the early hours of this morning. The cause of the outbreak is unknown.

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New U.S. Envoy To Pakistan

Washington, Dec. 28.—The White House announced today that President Truman is appointing Mr. Avra M. Warren as Ambassador to Pakistan. He is now Ambassador to Finland.

Mr. Eben Ayres, the White House Assistant Press Secretary, said he did not know who would succeed Mr. Warren at Helsinki.—Reuter.

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